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IN RE APPLICATION OF

JEVSEVAR ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/522,827

FILED: JANUARY 31, 2005

FOR: SYNTHETIC GENE CODING FOR HUMAN GRANULOCYTE-COLONY STIMULATING FACTOR FOR THE EXPRESSION IN E. COLI

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed February 6, 2007, the applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-23). A petition for an extension of the time for response by four (4) months, with the appropriate fee, accompanies this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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